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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: BUNKER-PARKER LETTER

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH AMBASSDOR BUNKER GAVE TO GOVERNOR PARKER WHILE IN PANAMA YESTERDAY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT GOVERNOR PARKER WILL USE THIS LETTER IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES BUT THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE IT PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THE LETTER AND ITS CONTENTS PRIOR TO ITS PUBLIC RELEASE.

2. SUGGEST YOU ADVISE GOVERNOR PARKER OF DEPARTMENT'S WISHES AND COORDINATE DISCUSSION AND RELEASE OF THE LETTER WITH HIM. YOU CAN, AT YOUR DISCRETION, PROVIDE GOP OFFICIALS COPIES OF IT.

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QUOTE: DEAR GOVERNOR PARKER: THE SIGNING OF A JOINT

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR BOTH COUNTRIES IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR A NEW AND MODERN TREATY ARRANGEMENT.

ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE YOU THAT THIS ACTION IN NO WAY CHANGES THE STATUS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

IN THE CANAL ZONE. THE PRINCIPLES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION AND EVENTUAL RATIFICATION PROCESSES.

THE SECRETARY AND I FULLY RECOGNIZE THE VITAL CONTRIBUTION THAT EMPLOYEES OF THE ZONE AND COMPANY ARE MAKING TO THE CONTINUED EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE CANAL, AND ARE ATTENTIVE TO THE NEED TO TREAT THESE EMPLOYEES FAIRLY AND JUDICIOUSLY. APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ARE SAFEGUARDED. WHATEVER THE CHANGES AGREED UPON IN THE FINAL TREATY THAT WILL AFFECT EMPLOYEES, THEY WILL TAKE PLACE OVER A PERIOD LONG ENOUGH TO OBVIATE OR MINIMIZE PERSONAL HARDSHIP. ELLSWORTH BUNKER. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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